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A truck convoy carrying rice which left Battambang City for Phnom Penh early on 26 June, may be held up temporarily at Kompong Chhnang, because the local government commander claims a section of Route 5 south of Kompong Chhnang is insecure. There are sufficient Cambodian Army troops available in the area, however, to keep the highway open. In the southwest, other truck convoys are still traveling along Route 4 between Kompong Som and Phnom Penh without incident. A new Communist threat to the highway in the vicinity of Kompong Speu City may be developing, however. On 26 June insurgent forces shelled several government positions just south of Kompong Speu and began burning homes in two nearby villages. Elsewhere, the Communists are keeping the pressure on sections of Route 3 south of Phnom Penh and on a stretch of Route 6 north of the capital.

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